

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 142**

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Adopted in Assembly    February 4, 2002

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate    April 25, 2002

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of  
State this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*

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## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 142—Relative to the Judge Harry Pregerson Interchange.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 142, Hertzberg. Judge Harry Pregerson Interchange.

This measure would officially name the interchange where State Highway Route 105 connects with State Highway Route 110 as the “Judge Harry Pregerson Interchange.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson was born in Los Angeles, California in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1947, and was awarded a Bachelor of Laws from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson served his country as a United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant from 1944 to 1946 and was severely wounded in the battle of Okinawa in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson was an attorney in private practice from 1951 to 1965, was a judge of the Los Angeles Municipal Court from 1965 to 1966, was a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court from 1966 to 1967, was appointed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California on December 7, 1967, and was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on November 2, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson presided over the Century Freeway lawsuit for more than two decades starting in 1972, and kept control of the case for more than a dozen years after he was elevated to the appeals court even though he could have surrendered it to another judge; and



WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson ensured the construction of nearly 5,000 affordable housing units to replace homes removed to make way for the Century Freeway and oversaw the housing program under a consent decree from 1972 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson insisted that a major portion of the construction jobs involved in the building go to minorities and women and, when there were not enough minorities and women qualified for the jobs, he helped to create a construction apprenticeship program for them; and

WHEREAS, The Century Freeway Housing Program, now known as the Century Housing Corporation, a nonprofit organization, grew out of the settlement of the Century Freeway lawsuit presided over by Judge Harry Pregerson, and provided funds to acquire the Westwide Residence Hall which houses 500 formerly homeless veterans and is the largest housing and employment center for homeless veterans in the country; and

WHEREAS, The settlement of the Century Freeway lawsuit permitted construction of State Highway Route 105, known as the Century Freeway, which extends seventeen miles from Norwalk, California to the Los Angeles International Airport; and

WHEREAS, In 1988 Judge Harry Pregerson founded the Bell Homeless Shelter, of which one-third of the clients are veterans, at a federal supply center in southeast Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Judge Harry Pregerson partnered with charities, veterans groups, labor organizations, the federal General Services Administration, and then Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to start the Westwood Transitional Village, which provided furnished apartments for homeless families, with preference given to veterans; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Judge Harry Pregerson helped start the Salvation Army's Haven Program, which arranges housing and provides support services for homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson helped bring together judges, law enforcement, and county officials to create a "homeless court," which can clear an offender's record of minor violations, providing an incentive for homeless individuals to complete a rehabilitation program and return to a productive life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson is an active member of the Disabled American Veterans' organization; and



WHEREAS, Judge Harry Pregerson, at 77 years of age, is the oldest active judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and since 1972 has been instrumental in creating organizations that provide housing, employment, and rehabilitation services for homeless veterans; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the interchange where State Highway Route 105 connects with State Highway Route 110 be officially named the Judge Harry Pregerson Interchange; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

